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SUBJECT: PANAM REQUEST FOR CHANGE OF GUAGE

REF: STATE 019855 #

1. CONGEN RIO OFFICER REACHED BRIGADEIRO CALDAS SANTOS BY PHONE AFTERNOON OF FEBRUARY 17, PRIOR TO LATTER'S DEPARTURE FOR BRASILIA. APPOINTMENT MADE FOR 10:00A.M. WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, I.E., AFTER CALDAS SANTOS RETURNS FROM BRASILIA, TO DISCUSS REF SUBJECT IN DETAIL. FOLLOWING COMMENTS EXCHANGED DURING COURSE OF TELEPHONE CONVERSATION.

2. CALDAS SANTOS STATED THAT CERNAI HAD DECIDED TO REJECT PANAM FILING FOR CHANGE OF GUAGE. THIS DECISION HAS BEEN COMMUNICATED TO DAC, WHICH IS TO NOTIFY PANAM. NEGATIVE DECISION REPORTEDLY TAKEN BECAUSE, IN BRAZILIAN INTERPRETATION OF BILATERAL, CHANGE OF GUAGE MUST INVOLVE CONWARD SERVICE TO THIRD COUNTRY. THUS CHANGE OF GUAGE WOULD BE APPROVED IF PANAM EXTENDED SERVICE IN QUESTION BEYOND SAO PAULO TO, FOR EXAMPLE, ARGENTINA. IF APPROVAL WERE GRANTED, HE MAINTAINED, PANAM WOULD HAVE TO CON-

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TINUE USING VIRACOPOS RATHER THAN CONGONHAS. IN FACT,

HE STATED, DAC HAS DECLARED CONGONHAS TO BE COMPLETELY SATURATED AND HAS INDICATED IT WILL AUTHORIZE NO ADDITIONAL OPERATIONS, EITHER DOMESTIC OR INTERNATIONAL, AT CONGONHAS. CALDAS SANTOS CLAIMED THAT WHEN HE HAD MENTIONED PANAM REQUEST TO USE CONGONHAS TO MINISTER OF AIR ARARIPE, LATTER HAD IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THAT IDEA AS TECHNICALLY IMPOSSIBLE.

3. CONGEN OFFICER PRESENTED QUICKLY POINTS CONTAINED PARAGRAPH TWO OF REFTEL. IN RESPONSE, CALDAS SANTOS REITERATED BRAZILIAN BELIEF THAT CHANGE OF GUAGE MUST INVOLVE SERVICE TO THIRD COUNTRY, THAT CONGONHAS IS ONLY A DOMESTIC AND REGIONAL AIRPORT, RATHER THAN TRULY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, THAT AUTHORIZATION FOR PAN AM OPERATIONS AT CONGONHAS WOULD STIMULATE EUROPEAN REQUESTS FOR SIMILAR TREATMENT, AND THAT U.S. AIRLINES HAVE MANY ADVANTAGES OVER VARIG ON FLIGHTS TO U.S. HE NOTED THAT PAN AM FILING HAD BEEN EXTREMELY BRIEF, PROVIDING NO SUPPORTIVE ARGUMENTS JUSTIFYING THE REQUEST. HE SUGGESTED THAT PAN AM, SHOULD IT WISH TO PURSUE THIS ISSUE, RESUBMIT ITS FILING WITH A DETAILED STATEMENT EXPLAINING WHY IT BELIEVES ITS REQUEST SHOULD BE HONORED. SUCH RESUBMISSION, HE ADMITTED, WOULD CAUSE THE ISSUE TO RECEIVE MORE DETAILED CONSIDERATION.

4. CONGEN OFFICER WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL ARGUMENTS DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO PROVIDE PRIOR TO SCHEDULED MEETING WITH CALDAS SANTOS MORNING OF FEBRUARY 19.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS: WE RECOMMEND THAT: 1) PAN AM, IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT, PREPARE A DETAILED STATEMENT FOR SUBMISSION TO DAC IMMEDIATELY AFTER BEING NOTIFIED THAT ITS ORIGINAL FILING HAS BEEN DENIED; 1) DEPARTMENT PROVIDE CONGEN WITH TEXT OF AIDE MEMOIRE WHICH COULD BE SUBMITTED TO CALDAS SANTOS FOR CONSIDERATION CONCURRENTLY WITH PAN AM RESUBMISSION OF ITS FILING.
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